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The Honorable Tom Lantos
U.S. House of Representatives
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0512

Dear Representative Lantos:

During our Annual Meeting in Denver last month, mayors from across the nation adopted a resolution in support of your bill, the Pay Equity for Reservist Act, H.R. 1345. This bipartisan legislation will provide our men and women in the Reserves and National Guard the assistance they need to support their families when they are called to active duty. A number of cities around the nation are already paying their employees who serve in the Reserves and National Guard their regular pay when they are called to active duty. We believe this is the least we can do for public employees who sacrifice their lives continually to protect our freedom.

A copy of our resolution is attached for your information. Thank you for sponsoring this legislation. The nation's mayors stand ready to assist you in any way we can to ensure its passage. Please feel free to contact me or Larry Jones of the Conference staff at 202/861-6709 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

J. Thomas Cochran
Executive Director